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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: Monthly Progress Report No. 74 – October 2018 Lower Passaic River Study Area (LPRSA) River Mile 10.9 Removal Action CERCLA Docket No. 02-2012-2015

Dear Ms. Salkie:

de maximis, inc. is submitting this Monthly Progress Report for the above-captioned project on behalf of the Cooperating Parties Group (CPG) pursuant to the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action (Settlement Agreement or AOC). The Progress Report satisfies the reporting requirements of Paragraph 28 of the River Mile (RM) 10.9 Removal Action (RA) Settlement Agreement. The CPG previously identified several issues in Section (d) that delayed and complicated the completion of the RM 10.9 RA. These issues have been resolved by the Region's approval of the Long Term Monitoring and Maintenance Plan (LTMMP) and the delivery of a revised draft RM 10.9 RA Final Construction Report.

# (a) Actions which have been taken to comply with this Settlement Agreement during the previous month.

## Meetings/Conference Calls

 On October 25, EPA Region 2 (Region 2) and CPG held a conference call to discuss responses to Region 2 comments on the revised Draft LTMMP Baseline Monitoring Report.

## Correspondence

- On October 2, Region 2 and CPG exchanged email regarding Region 2's review comments on the Draft 2017 Annual Visual Cap Monitoring Report for the RM 10.9 RA Cap.
- On October 10, Region 2 and CPG exchanged email regarding scheduling a conference call as requested in the Region's comments on the revised Draft LTMMP Baseline Monitoring Report.

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- On October 10, Region 2 provided comments to CPG on the Draft 2017 Annual Visual Cap Monitoring Report for the RM 10.9 RA Cap.
- On October 12, CPG provided responses to Region 2 comments on the revised Draft LTMMP Baseline Monitoring Report to Region 2.
- On October 15, CPG delivered the August 2018 Progress Report to Region 2.
- On October 22, CPG provided a proposed Agenda for the October 25 conference call to Region 2.
- On October 24, CPG provided presentation material to Region 2 for the October 25 conference call.

#### Work

- CPG competed review of the elevation data collected during annual 2018 inspection of the RM 10.9 RA cap on September 10 – 11 and commenced preparation of the summary report.
- CPG continued review of Region 2 comments on the revised Draft LTMMP Baseline Monitoring Report and July 12, 2018 responses and prepared responses and revisions to the Report.
- CPG reviewed Region 2 comments on the Draft 2017 Annual Visual Cap Monitoring Report for the RM 10.9 RA Cap.

## (b) Results of Sampling and Tests

NA

## (c) Work planned for the next two months with schedules relating to the overall project schedule for construction completion and monitoring

- CPG will provide responses to Region 2 comments on the Draft 2017 Annual Visual Cap Monitoring Report for the RM 10.9 RA Cap.
- CPG will complete preparation of the 2018 RM 10.9 RA cap inspection report.
- CPG will respond to Region 2 comments on the revised Draft LTMMP Baseline Monitoring Report.
- (d) <u>Problems encountered and anticipated problems, actual or anticipated delays, and solutions developed and implemented to address actual or anticipated problems or delays</u>
  - None

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If you have any questions, please contact Rob Law or me at (908) 735-9315.

Very truly yours,

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